



**DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20 (VR 480-04-2), which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Automatic Elevator Operator*

This certification authorizes the holder to perform automatic elevator operator duties as required by the manufacturer's specification.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$10.00 fee 5 working days prior to observation
- One year of mining experience
- Authorization on company stationery from company official for DM Representative to use company automatic elevator for the observation
- Current first aid training (MSHA first aid 5000-23 acceptable)
- Demonstrate knowledge and ability to use an automatic elevator in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. This demonstration is observed and documented by a DM Representative.
- Hold a General Miner Certification, if required by law. Miners who have Virginia coal mining experience prior to January 1, 1996, and wish to obtain general miner certification must meet BCME requirement 4 VAC 25-20-255 A.1.2.3. or attend required general miner training.
- Gas Detection – practical demonstration

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